

II Total number of deaths as per age group of the Children who died :

Age Group	No. of deaths
0-6 months	83
6 months to 1 year	19
1-6 years	110

The largest number of deaths occurred in the month of May, 1996 and to 58 in July, 1996.

While it emerged that a significant number of children had died due to various disease, the Government of Maharashtra has also admitted that the underlying major cause for the deaths was the generally weak condition of some of the children which made them subceptible to disease. Another important reason which was identified was the drinking of non-potable water by the tribals in preference to chlorinated water because of the change in the taste of water. Certain unhygienic habits of the tribals in Amaravati also led to a higher incidence of water-borne diseases.

(d) and (e). No, Sir. However, as per the information made available by the State Government, a Committee of Seretaries of the government of Maharashtra comprising the Secretary, Women and Child Development, Secretary, Public Health, Commissioner, Family Planning, led by the Secretary, Welfare visited the areas to ensure setting up of rescue camps with doctors, staff and sufficient stocks of medicines, fanning out of trained Hamlet Voluntary Workers into the tribal hamlets for disinfecting drinking water, providing emergency services and increasing the supply of supplementary nutrition provided for children and lactating mothers under the ICDS programme. Further, disbursement of consumption finance in the areas was also ensured.

Many long-term measures are also envisaged, such as regular health check-ups in schools and Anganwadis, training of Anganwadi workers in Primary Health care by the Health Department and supply of medicine kit to them, installation of incubators with attendant staff in every Public Health Centre of the affected Dharni and Chikkaldhara blocks of Amaravati district, community social work through NGOs and imparting of health education in the local tribal languages to the tribals by the District Health Education Team.

Import of Rock Phosphate

3687. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Rock Phosphate is being imported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Rock Phosphate is being used in the manufacturing of the fertilizers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether this has contravened the Fertilizer Control Order;

(f) if so, the action taken against the companies using the Rock Phosphate in the fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (d). Rock Phosphate is an essential raw material required in the manufacture of phosphatic fertilizers. It is being imported directly by various fertilizer manufacturing companies and other agencies as adequate quantities of the requisite quality are not available indigenously. During the last three years, the following quantities of rock phosphate have been imported :

Year	Qty. ('000 tonnes)
1993-94	2349
1994-95	2595
1995-96	2450

(e) No reports of contravention of Fertilizer Control Order have come to the notice of the Government.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

SCs/STs in SPG, NSG and RAW

3688. SHRI ILIYAS AZAMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been implemented in S.P.G., N.S.G. and Research and Analysis Wing;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the proportion of persons belonging to these castes working in these agencies at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). In case of NSG and SPG, the posts are filled up only by taking personnel from different Central police Organisations and State police on deputation for fixed tenure. As such the provisions of reservation for SCs/STs are not applicable. The Research and Analysis Wing, due to its unique nature of working, has been exempted from the provisions of reservation of SCs/STs. However, where special Security requirements are not affected, bonus marks are given to persons of SC, ST and OBC categories at the time of recruitment to ensure their representation in R and AW.

(c) The percentage of representation of SCs/STs is 10.0, 7.8 and 7.7 in SPG, NSG and R and AW respectively.